



***"Always be prepared to give an answer." - 1 Peter 3:15***

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**Worship Schedule:**

- 01/15 - 9:00 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
  - 10:00 am - Worship (*Baptism of our Lord*)
- 01/16 - 6:30 pm - Worship

**Mission Program:** Our 2nd quarter mission offering will go to the Central African Medical Mission (CAMM). This ministry brings not only the gospel to places in Africa but also much needed medical and physical care also. Our first week's offering totaled \$257.73. This is a great opportunity for children to contribute to the mission work of our church and synod. The Ladies Aid has also offered to match the chapel offerings that are given by the kids. This is a fantastic way for us to work together as a congregation to help spread the gospel around the world!

**Milk Update:** I was informed last Friday that our milk distributor is going out of business and will not be delivering dairy products effectively today. I am working to find other distributors that we can use and have been in contact with a local store that may be able to help us out. I will have more details at a future date.

This means, however, that we will be taking a week off from milk and there will be no milk next week. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause but I wanted to notify you quickly so you can make preparation for lunches next week.

Once I have more information about our path forward I will notify you along with any other information as it relates to potential price changes, refunds, etc. I appreciate your patience as we sort out this unforeseen circumstance.

**Lutheran Schools Week:** The week of January 23-27 we will celebrate Lutheran Schools' Week. We are planning a fun week of entertainment, activities, and more. Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from the week:

- Monday, January 23rd we will head across town to bowl at Monitor Lanes. We will need help with transportation for this event, so if you are able to drive that day please do so and indicate that on the permission slip.
- Tuesday, January 24th will be *Breakfast with a Buddy* day. Watch for a flier coming home with more information on sign up for this event.
- There will be a family entertainment night on Wednesday, January 25th featuring family funnyman Joel Tacey. Tickets will be \$3 and will be available for purchase in the school office beginning today.
- There will also be a special church service on Sunday, January 29th in which our students will sing in worship with the Chili Cook-Off to follow.
- Once again we will have a school wide penny challenge running throughout the week. The money raised will go to support local law enforcement.

**Preschool Enrollment for 23-24:** Bethel Preschool will begin accepting enrollments for next year's Preschool on Sunday, January 15th. Applications will be accepted on a first come – first served basis. Get your application in and get the word out to your family and friends.

**CEA Business Meeting:** The Christian Education Association (Our School Parent Group) will have its final business meeting of the school year on **Sunday, January 15th**, right after church in the Multipurpose Room. At this important meeting plans will be made for all the remaining activities and events of the current school year as well as discuss other school related matters. Volunteer help is needed in many areas so come and support your school.

**MLS Fine Arts Fair:** The MLS Fine Arts Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at MLS. Students in grades 3-8 may participate in the various categories. For information about registration, rules and different competitions go to the MLS website (<https://www.mlsem.org/>) and click on the MLS Science & Fine Arts Fair link. MLS is using that link as their center for all information related to the Fine Arts Fair.

**Cardinal for a Day:** Students in grades 1-8 will be attending Cardinal for A Day at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on Friday, February 10th. They will be picked up by a MLS bus shortly after arriving at school and return before the end of day so that you can pick them up at the normal time. They attend some mini classes, attend chapel, have some gym activities and are provided a free pizza lunch. No chaperone help is needed. A permission slip will be sent home in the coming days.

**Basketball Uniforms:** Girls' basketball team members are reminded to clean and repair their uniforms and return them to school ASAP. Thanks!

**Playground Update:** The playground is complete! The kids have been playing on it and have loved it! We are waiting for warmer weather to finish installation of the final piece of equipment. Later in the spring and early summer we will plant new grass around the playground. Thank you to all the volunteers and various organizations and businesses that helped complete this project. I pray that this playground is a blessing to many kids for years to come!

**Boys' & Girls' Club:** The next outing for the Boys' & Girls' Club will be Sunday, Jan. 15th at Midland City Forest. Bring your own sleds, tubes and/or ice skates or rent them there! Come join for some great fellowship and fun!

**Good Shepherd Pastoral Vacancy:** Good Shepherd's most recent call for a pastor was returned. Their next call meeting will be scheduled soon. I encourage you to keep Good Shepherd in your prayers as they seek a new shepherd for their congregation and for Pastor Killinger as he serves them during the vacancy.

**Birthdays:**

- 01/04 - Bowen Rouse - PreK-3
- 01/05 - Kameron VanDenBoom - Grade 2
- 01/05 - Taylor Thunberg - Grade 5

**Student Spotlight:**

Jan. 9-13 - Mara Martin - grade 2; Isaac Powers - grade 4; Abigail Vanness - PreK-4

**Coming Up:**

- **01/09 - Classes Resume after Christmas Break**
- **01/15 - 23-24 Preschool Enrollment Begins**
- 01/20 - End of 2nd Qtr.
  - ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 01/23 - Beginning of Lutheran Schools Week
- 01/25 - Report Cards Sent Home
- 01/29 - Lutheran Schools Sunday



- 02/13 - Pastor/Teacher Conference (No School)
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Worship @ 6:30
- 02/24 - ½ day Faculty In-Service
- 03/03 - Sports Picture Day & Principals' Conference

**Upcoming Worship & Singing Schedule Dates:**

- 01/29 - Preschool/Kindergarten Sing
- 01/29 - Cherub & Cantate Combined Choir sing
- 02/19 - Cherub Choir
- 02/22 - Cantate Choir (Ash Wednesday)
- 03/01 - Tone Chimes
- 03/08 - Cherub Choir
- 03/22 - Cantate Choir
- 04/02 - Grades 1-8 (Palm Sunday)
- 04/05 - Grades 1-8 (Good Friday)
- 04/30 - Cantate Choir
- 05/12 - Spring Concert @ 6:30
- 05/21 - Cherub Choir
- 06/04 - Grades K-8 (Graduation Sunday)



**Boys' Basketball Game Schedule**

**(Games begin at 5:30, when A and B team play on the same night, B team plays first followed by A team):**

- 1/10 - vs Trinity @ Trinity
- 1/13 - vs St. John's BC @ Bethel
- 1/17 - vs Salem Owosso @ Bethel
- 1/20 - vs Good Shepherd Burton @ Bethel
- 1/21 - B Team Tournament @ St. John's BC (One Day Tournament)
- 1/24 - vs Kaw/Mid/Sag @ Trinity
- 1/27 - vs Zion Chesaning @ Chesaning
- 1/31 - vs Trinity @ Bethel
- 2/11 - MALL Tournament @ St. John's BC (Two Day Tournament)
- 2/17-2/18 - MLS Tournament (Two Day Tournament)

**Boys A Team Practice Schedule**

- **Monday, January 9th** 5:00-6:30
- **Thursday, January 12th** 5:00-6:30
- Monday, January 16th 5:00-6:30
- Thursday, January 19th 5:00-6:30

**Boys B Team Practice Schedule**

- **Monday, January 9th** 3:00-4:30
- **Thursday, January 12th** 3:00-4:30

**CEA Schedule:**

- 01/15 - General Business Meeting
- 02/12 - Coffee Hour after church - Crites
- 02/22 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - VanDenBoom
- 02/25 - Saginaw Spirit Game - Krohn
- 03/04 - Trivia Night - Thunberg/Wilson
- 04/28 - Mother/Son Activity - Thunberg/Wilson
- 05/05 - Daddy/Daughter Dance - Thunberg/Wilson
- TBD Springtime - Pine Car Derby - Powers

- TBD - Board Games Night - Friske

*Thank you to all those who have volunteered to organize these activities!*

**Hot Lunch Schedule:**

- 01/18 - Collicker/Doran
- 02/01 - Faulk/Figley
- 02/15 - Fuhrman/Greenwood
- 03/01 - Hartley/Houghton
- 03/15 - Irwin/Jacobs
- 03/29 - Janz/Kain
- 04/19 - Kent/Killinger
- 05/03 - Koscielski/Krohn
- 05/17 - Kukla/Lack

**Cheerleading practice schedule**

*Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30 unless otherwise noted*

- **01/09 & 01/11**
- 01/16 & 01/18
- 01/23 & 01/25

**Michigan Lutheran Seminary:**

**MLS Poms:** Members of the MLS Poms team would like to invite all girls from K-5th grade, for a Poms clinic at the MLS gym. The MLS Jr. Cardinal Poms Winter Clinic is scheduled for February 5, 2023! The clinic is for girls from K-5th grade in a WELS/ELS church or school. Time: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Registration 1:30 p.m.).

**MLS Application:** Calling all 8th grade families! Now is the time to apply to Michigan Lutheran Seminary for the 2023-24 school year. Fill out the online application in just 10 minutes by visiting [mlsem.org/apply](https://mlsem.org/apply)! Applicant families are able to receive specific information about the upcoming school year. Apply before January 31st, 2023 and you'll be entered to win a \$500 or \$250 tuition discount. We're already excited to welcome a new class of Cardinals to campus and we hope that YOU are a part of it!

**MLS OPEN HOUSE:** Michigan Lutheran Seminary invites all 5th-8th grade students and their families to spend part of a day on campus learning about MLS at one of our Open House events. There will be several open houses throughout the school year. All open houses will include a tour of campus, faculty introductions, a free meal in the dining hall, and free admission to an MLS event.

- Feb 10 (1:30-5:30) - Varsity basketball games vs. Nouvel
- Mar 11 (4:00-6:00) - Children's Theater performances @ 2:00 and 7:00 (Open House between shows)
- May 5 (4:00-6:00) - Varsity baseball/softball games vs. Bullock Creek

**Google Calendar:** If you have not, please check out our Google calendar for the latest dates of events. It is important that you have access to our Google calendar because that is the primary way to know when events are happening at Bethel. If you need assistance with setting up access to the Google calendar, please contact a staff member.

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